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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, CIA

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Supplies

1. On the afternoon of 20 September 1948, during a heavy rain, the Services Section, A&M, undertook to make a routine transfer of Communications electronic equipment from [redacted] warehouse to the [redacted] warehouse. Due to other commitments no covered trucks were available, and the transfer was carried out with open stake trucks, one of which was equipped with a tarpaulin. Loading was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. [redacted], who reports he instructed the drivers to refuse to drive any truck on which the load appeared insecure.

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2. In the process of this operation, one truck was loaded above the safe height, resulting in two pieces falling off the truck in transit. One of these was a case containing one [redacted] serial number 1277, worth approximately \$2,000. This piece of equipment is the only one of the type owned by CIA and purchased for the express purpose for use in Project [redacted]. The other piece that fell off the truck was a large transmitter blower motor damaged beyond repair.

3. The transporting of electronic equipment in the rain in an open truck, and the delegation of the responsibility for the loading of the truck to the truck driver indicates an indifferent attitude towards the damage done to the signal property under the control of the Services Branch which may well jeopardize the success of the operations of this office.

4. Steps have been taken by Mr. [redacted] of the Services Branch to rectify this particular episode. However, this incident is reported to indicate the need for qualified personnel to handle electronic equipment in a proper manner and with due respect for its delicate nature.

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Acting Assistant Director
Special Operations

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